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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/620,719	Applicant(s) DEV ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08/17/2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-30 have been examined. Application 10/620,719 (SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING PRIVATE CONSUMER ACCOUNTS USING BRANDED LOYALTY CARDS AND SELF-SERVICE TERMINALS) has a filing date 07/16/2003 Claims Priority from Provisional Application 60396188, filed 07/16/2002.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ariff (US 2002/0188509).

Claims 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and 30, Ariff teaches:

storage for (1) a plurality of consumer profiles, each one of said consumer profiles comprising private account data relating to a consumer (see paragraphs 11-12), (2) an association between a first account tag stored on a first identification medium and at least one said consumer profile (see paragraph 43), and (3) an association between a second account tag stored on a second identification medium and said consumer profile associated with said first account tag (see paragraph 102 “single consumer ID is linked to multiple party payment vehicles”); and

a terminal in communication with said storage, said terminal comprising a memory, a processor, and at least one media reader adapted to read at least one of said first and second account tags, wherein said processor is configured by said memory to permit retrieval or modification of at least a portion of said private account data of said consumer profile associated with said first account tag upon said media reader reading said at least one of said first or second account tags (see paragraph 70).

Claims 2, 9, 16 and 23, Ariff teaches:

wherein said second identification medium is a credit or debit card (see paragraph 101).

Claims 3, 10, 17 and 24, Ariff teaches:

wherein said private account data includes an account balance, and wherein said modification of said private account data comprises updating said account balance (see paragraph 70).

Claims 4, 11, 18 and 25, Ariff teaches:

wherein said terminal further comprises a cash receiver or dispenser, and wherein said updating of said account balance is performed based on cash received or dispensed at said terminal (see paragraph 50).

Claims 5, 12, 19 and 26, Ariff teaches:

wherein said processor is further configured by said memory to permit an order or a purchase of a good or a service upon reading said second account tag stored on said second identification medium and to update said private account data based on said order or purchase (see paragraphs 70-71).

Claims 6, 13, 20 and 27, Ariff teaches:

wherein said private account data includes at least one item selected from the group consisting of name, age, address, and telephone number (see paragraph 43).

Claims 7, 14, 21 and 28, Ariff teaches:

wherein said private account data includes purchase history data (see paragraph 45).

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIEL LASTRA whose telephone number is 571-272-6720 and fax 571-273-6720. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ERIC W. STAMBER can be reached on 571-272-6724. The official Fax number is 571-273-8300.

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